

EPC meeting minutes: September 4, 2014

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1. Approved the minutes for the EPC summer retreat and the minutes for the August 29, 2014 meeting.
2. Approved a motion regarding the COLL curriculum guidelines: The COLL guidelines that EPC is developing should be viewed as draft guidelines subject to revision. They will be brought forward to FAS for final approval near the end of the academic year.
3. Discussion of the issue of COLL 150 and foreign languages. Discussion of process – submission of any COLL 150 that will be taught in foreign languages to the Writing Committee should be forwarded to EPC.
4. Approved a motion regarding the issues of topics courses for the COLL 100 requirement. Motion We allow, but don't require, topics courses for COLL 100.

That would mean that a department or program might offer topics courses for some or all of its COLL 100 offerings (e.g., History 100, four credits, fall and spring, Big Ideas in History. Different sections would be different History 100 courses. The individual course titles would be included on transcripts). EPC will encourage, but not require, courses to use the "100" number for courses that will satisfy the COLL 100 requirement. Dean Homza and the EPC co-chairs will discuss this issue with CCPD and report back to EPC based on feedback from that meeting.

5. Approved a motion to establish an Oral Communications Committee to review the oral communication components of COLL 100 courses, parallel in function to the Writing Committee.
6. Discussion of COLL 300 guidelines. Dean Homza will revise the draft form for COLL 300 and we will continue discussion at our next meeting.
7. Curriculum Changes
 - a. New courses approved
 - i. BIOL 325 Introduction to Quantitative Biology
 - ii. JAPN 209 Introductory Topics in Japanese Literature and Culture (in English)
 - b. Course changes approved
 - i. AMES 493 Senior Research in Asian and Middle Eastern Studies (change from 1 credit to 2 credits)
 - ii. CRWR 212 Introduction to Creative Writing (change from 2 credits to 3 credits and change in catalog description)
 - iii. JAPN 330 Japan's Gross National (changed title to Japanese Popular Culture)
 - iv. SOCL 440 Global Health Issues (added cross-list with KINE, the new cross-listed course (KINE 404/SOCI 440) would count toward the Kinesiology BA, BS, and minor.)
 - c. Curriculum changes approved
 - i. Add "or other approved course" to the list of course options in Part C, Part D and Part E of the International Relations Curriculum.